

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

HILDEBRAND *et al.*

Appl. No.: 10/076,181

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For: **System and Method for Providing
Distributed Access Control to
Secured Items**

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**Submission Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c) and Preliminary Amendment
Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In connection with the attached Request for Continued Examination ("RCE"), Applicants submit the following Preliminary Amendment and Remarks. Prior to further examination of the application, please amend the application as directed herein. Applicants submit the Preliminary Amendment and Remarks in response to the Final Office Action dated **October 10, 2008**.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.